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1. A delegation from the Rumanian Petroleum Industry Board, consisting of Alexander Luca-Cristescu, Traian Radomirescu and Eng. Miron Zaharia, arrived in Tirana early in June 1949 to settle conditions for the supply of Rumanian oil to Albania.

2. The visit is the outcome of the decision of Kurakin (for the USSR) and Tuk Jakova (for Albania) that Albanian oil sent to Batum for refining will in future not be sent back, but will be replaced by gasoline from Rumania.*

3. Considerable shipments of plant materiel for oil wells have been arriving in Albania from the USSR during the first five months of 1949; apart from the small refinery set up at Kucove (which is only of token significance) no refining plant has been included in these shipments.

4. All but 8 - 15 percent of the oil produced in Albania will in future be sent to Batum.

Comment: The delivery in Durres of naphtha and gasoline by Rumanian tanker has previously been reported. 50X1-HUM

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